

# **OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**April 1, 2010  
Newington Town Hall  
7:00 P.M.**

## **I. Roll Call**

Chairman Bowen convened the meeting at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: Mrs. Nasinnyk, Ms. Wojtowicz, Mrs. Conway, Mr. Bottalico, Mrs. Anest, Mr. Block, Mr. Marcinczyk, Mr. Lenares, and Mr. Nagel.

Town Planner, Ed Meehan

## **II. Minutes**

March 18, 2010 – Mr. Block moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Anest and approved as presented.

## **III. Public Participation**

Mr. Michael Fox was present. No remarks were presented to the Committee.

## **IV. New Business – Subcommittee Reports**

### **A. Land Trust Subcommittee**

Ms. Wojtowicz reported that she has contacted an account and can get assistance in filing the non-profit 501 3(c) and tax exempt forms.

It was agreed that those Committee members who are interested in starting a Newington Land Trust would meet separately from the Committee and begin to move ahead on this item.

### **B. Long Range Open Space Properties Subcommittee**

The subcommittee recommended that a list of second tier priority properties, first tier being Cedar Mountain properties, be prepared. These parcels could then be evaluated based on a matrix of criteria. One use of this report would be to compare with the 2020 POCD open space strategies and second for possible DEP grant or land trust acquisition.

### **C. Open Space Grants Subcommittee – Cedar Mountain properties**

Mrs. Anest moved that the Committee go into Executive Session to discuss real estate acquisition and strategies. Seconded by Mr. Bottalico and unanimously approved. The Executive Session began at 7:41 p.m. and ended at 8:48 p.m.

**V. Cedar Mountain Property Owner's Meeting with Marcap, LLC**

Mr. Block moved that the Town Manager be contacted, and all Town Councilors be copied, with the Committee's request that Chairman Bowen be present and participate at the scheduled April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with Marcap, LLC. Seconded by Mr. Bottalico and unanimously approved. Ed Meehan was requested to follow up with e-mail request to the Town Manager and copy to Town Council.

**VI. Cedar Crest Hospital Open Space**

Mrs. Conway reported that the Bill #5520, co-sponsored by Representative Sandy Nafis requesting the conveyance of the Cedar Crest Hospital's westerly ridgeline for open space protection (approximately 40 acres) to the Town of Newington, has been favorably reported out of Committee.

**VII. Adjournment**

Mrs. Anest moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Nasinnyk and approved. The meeting ended at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted,

Edmund J. Meehan  
Town Planner

Town Clerk  
Town Website